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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

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Reference: Amended Year-End Report (11/26/02-12/31/02), received 2/13/03

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

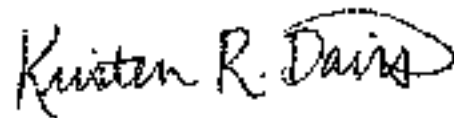
-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) A, supporting Line(s) 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Casual labor CASUAL LABOR" and "Consulting CASUAL LABOR." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations, and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in

its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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